(c) whether no funds have been sanctioned for this purpose under the Ninth Five Year Plan and if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) At the behest of the National Committee for celebration of Birth Centenary of Morarji Desai, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (Department of Indian System of Medicine and Homoeopathy) has decided to rename the National Institute of Yoga (NIY) as Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY). This decision has also been confirmed by the General Body of the NIY in its meeting held on 15.4.1997, in terms of Section 12 of the Societies Registration Act 1860. The proposed MDNIY will run a Degree College of Yoga and Naturopathy. The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare are already working on a project Report on the proposed MDNIY so as to operationalise it during the Ninth Five Year Plan.

(c) A sum of Rs. 50.00 lakh has been provided for the proposed Institute under Plan during the first year of the Ninth Five Year Plan.

[English]

Malfunctioning of Mid-Day Meal Scheme

699. SHRI I.D. SWAMI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 3454 on March 14, 1997 regarding malfunctioning of Mid-day Meal Scheme and state:

(a) whether the information has since been collected;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (c) According to the information since received from the Government of Orissa, the Public Accounts Committee of the Orissa Legislative Assembly (1996-97) in its 35th Report had discussed and raised certain points on the implementation of the Mid-day Meal Programme in the State. The matter is reported to be still under the detailed scrutiny and examination of the Orissa Government.

Regarding tenders invited by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi for the supply of "Monaco Type" salted biscuits, Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi has informed that the Corporation purchased the salted biscuits (Monaco type) as per the approved specifications.

Irrigation Capacity

700. SHRI SOUMYA RANJAN : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the total irrigation capacity created in Orissa during 1995-96 and 1996-97;

(b) whether the Government propose to introduce some new irrigation projects in the State to increase the irrigation capacity; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the extent to which the irrigation capacity is likely to be increased during the next two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA) : (a) The details of irrigation capacity likely to have been created in Orissa during the years 1995-96 and 1996-97 are as under:

Irrigation Potential in thousand hectares

Year	Major & Medium	Minor Irrigation	Total
1995-96 (Provisional)	44.14	83.16	127.30
1996-97 (Targets)	181.31	55.00	236.31
Total	225.45	138.16	363.61

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Six major irrigation projects as well as four medium projects and four Extension, Renovation & Modernisation (ERM) projects have been proposed to be taken up during the IX Five year Plan (1997-2002). On completion of these projects additional irrigation potential of about 287.11 thousand hectares is likely to be created.

Canteen Services to Headquarter Employees

701. SHRI JANG BAHADUR SINGH PATEL : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether ministries like Communications, Railways etc. give preference in the allotment of STD/ISD/PCO etc. booths and free railway passes to their employees after retirement;